

GREATER WYTHE AREA ISSUES

LAND USE (housing, commercial, rezoning, codes)

- Sub-standard rental property
- Difficult to assemble parcels of land for development and redevelopment
- Increase in rental property/decrease in home ownership
- Low property values attracting undesirable uses
- Over-sized vehicles (tractor trailers) parking illegally on residential streets (assess enforcement and adequacy of policies)
- Parking in front yards
- Clear/visible notification when property being considered for rezoning (use large, orange signs) – Planning/Zoning notification
- Assess land use in Wythe, incl. commercial/residential transition areas
- Underdeveloped commercial base for what population will support
- Upkeep of vacant properties

PHYSICAL IMPROVEMENT

- Curb and gutters
- Upgrade Lighting (including on Pembroke to Newport News city line)
- Quality of lighting on Chesapeake Ave. (architectural style/aesthetics)
- Beautification of median strips on Victoria Blvd. (streetscape) *doubtful*
- Sidewalks
- Underground utilities in specific areas
- Residential street resurfacing
- Illegal dumping - especially related to closing of Salters Creek Road
- Appearance of entry streets to neighborhood - the worst uses are the most visible *Corridor studies*

PUBLIC SAFETY

- Crime Prevention (incl. citizen education & information exchange with N'hood Watch)
- Pedestrian safety at night
- New fire station

QUALITY OF LIFE

- Entertainment/recreation activities for children, families and all ages in Wythe
 - Viable recreation center for Wythe
 - Wythe Pool
- Health care services to meet the needs of the Wythe area
 - Future of Sentara Hospital
- Revitalization of business areas
 - Establish a business association in Wythe to improve business environment
 - Viable community shopping center in Wythe
- Impact of schools on Wythe Community
 - Wythe Elementary School expanding to a community site/facility
- Marketing of Greater Wythe Area residential properties
- Alternative housing options for elderly (at least 2 ambulatory facilities within area)

- Homelessness in the Greater Wythe Area
- Accessibility of Chesapeake Ave. to all (now and in the future)
- Assess non-profit services in Wythe

TRAFFIC/TRANSPORTATION

- Traffic speed in residential areas
- No traffic light at intersection of Powhatan & Kecoughtan
- Uniform street signs – *need block numbers and uniform placement*
- Stop sign at Jamestown Ave. and Rolfe St.
- School bus for students at Pembroke Apartments – *School Board*